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New Mexico Congressmen Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan, both Democrats, took to the floor of the House Thursday to advocate for solar energy in backing [H.R. 3585](#), the Solar Technology Roadmap Act. The bill, which passed, the House of Representatives 310 to 106, would help aid solar technology initiatives and build on investments under the stimulus package.

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Lujan highlighted New Mexico's potential to become "a leader in solar energy production" in his speech on the House floor "We have over 300 days of sun a year and a recent study by the American Wind Energy Association found that New Mexico ranks second in the nation for potential solar-energy capacity," Lujan said.

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